

October 10, 2005

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown, Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	1 st Vice President
Supervisor Gary Ovitt	2 nd Vice President
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	Chair TCC
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Dennis Washburn	Chair, EEC

Members Not Present

Councilmember Sid Tyler	Chair, Admin
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Others Present

Councilmember Richard Dixon	Regional Council Member
Jim Coyle	Deputy, Sup. Gary Ovitt
David Ryu	Deputy, Sup. Yvonne Burke

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

**President Young
Chair**

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of September 1, 2005 Minutes

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Robertson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.2 Goods Movement – Port and Modal Study

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy, gave an overview and next steps on the Port and Modal Study. He stated that a joint meeting of the Policy Committees and Regional Council will be scheduled for purposes of presenting the study in its entirety. The committees will be asked to approve the findings of the study after the joint committee.

Institutional Alternatives

Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, stated that Fubright & Jaworski was asked to conduct a generic overview survey of the existing authorities amongst the commissions, ACTA, Metrolink, as well as ACE and OnTrak, to ascertain whether any single or a combination of the aforementioned would be an appropriate entity to undertake financing and construction. She said that based on the survey it doesn't appear that any one entity would be ideal at this time. The survey was presented to the CEOs a few weeks ago. The CEOs requested that a next step in the process would be to develop alternatives. She reported that an alternatives analysis is currently underway and will be presented at a later time.

3.1.3 State Legislative Update

Jon Shaw, SCAG Lobbyist, stated that the State Legislature has adjourned for the year and will not reconvene until Wednesday, January 4, 2005. In the areas of housing and land use, SCAG worked with housing and land use stakeholders to reform housing element law and CEQA. Efforts stalled, however, and no bills were passed. The subjects will resurface next year.

He stated that one legislative success was the full funding of Proposition 42 to the amount of \$1.3 billion.

More work remains to be done, however, to amend the State Constitution to prohibit future suspensions of transfers from the General Fund to transportation projects and programs in times of financial crisis. This amendment, called a firewall, appears to be the transportation community's first priority for the 2006 session.

4.0 PRESIDENT REPORT

President Young reported that the State Energy Department has set up a grant program for home owners to receive funds if solar energy is incorporated into the homes. The grant could off-set mortgage payments. She asked staff to look into the program and inform the subregions regarding this opportunity.

In addition she announced that a hybrid electric car will be delivered to SCAG for demonstration at the November meeting.

5.0 REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Heather Copp, CFO, gave an overview of the 2006-2007 Budget Priorities/Outcomes. She reported that staff went back after the workshop held last month and reviewed approaches to determine the framework that should be used to aid in the budget process for FY 06/07. During the workshop, a reoccurring theme emerged regarding an outcome-based process rather than determination of one-year priorities. Using outcomes rather than priorities as a framework, staff incorporated the issues that were discussed at both the June Retreat and the September workshop. The outcomes as well as a set of draft goals and activities that staff has been developing will also be presented to the Administration Committee and the Regional Council for approval.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano reported that SCAG representatives participated in two important discussions about the region's global competitiveness and its position as a global gateway mega-region. Global competitiveness discussions continued at the Sept 29th meeting at the Southwest Compact Task Force bi-national hearing in El Centro. Discussions focused on the southwest mega-region, long range plans for the U.S. – Mexico border, local infrastructure and economic development and enhancing regional upward social mobility via innovative financing. He stated that he would present a Global Gateways slide presentation at the Regional Council meeting.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force is continuing its deliberations on an expanded approach to the plan. The new work plan if approved by the Regional Council, would include developing a full range of Plan outcomes, collaborating with other planning agencies, and developing finance and mitigation mechanisms.

He also reported that Senator Torlakson has drafted amendments to his SB 832 that would establish many of the CEQA improvements sought by SCAG and others. The amendments however, have not been introduced for the current session. Several working

groups have been established to address in more detail resource, protections, financing, land owner incentives, performance outcomes and measurements had housing supply and infrastructure.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case)."

No closed session was held.

- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) Two (2) potential cases.

No closed session was held.

- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

No closed session was held.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2005.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director